

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for removing a dissimilar material, which is attached to a plastic product and is different from the material of the plastic product, from the plastic product, comprising:

placing the plastic product in an opening of a frame movably arranged on a seat unit having a hole, the opening being larger than the hole;

moving the dissimilar material along with the frame so that the dissimilar material is disposed over the hole and under a blade unit arranged to be insertable into the hole; and

punching out the dissimilar material by moving ~~[[a]]~~ the blade unit down from an upper position relative to the seat unit with a working unit which is located lower than the seat unit and the blade unit, wherein

the punched out dissimilar material is guided by a first guide unit disposed to be inclined beside the working unit,

the punched out dissimilar material is guided by a second guide unit disposed on the opposite side of the working unit from the first guide unit,

the ~~seat-unit frame~~ frame is arranged to be movable relative to the working unit in a plane which is perpendicular to a first direction in which the working unit moves the blade unit, and

the first guide unit, the working unit and the second guide unit are aligned in a second direction which is parallel to the plane.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) An apparatus for removing a dissimilar material, which is attached to a plastic product and is different from the material of the plastic product, from the plastic product, comprising:

a seat unit having a hole;

a frame having an opening in [[on]] which the plastic product is placed, the opening being larger than the hole, the frame being movably arranged on the seat unit so that the dissimilar material comes over the hole; [[and]]

a punching unit having a blade unit configured to punch out the dissimilar material and arranged to be insertable into the hole, and a working unit located lower than the seat unit and the blade unit and configured to move the blade unit down from an upper position relative to the seat unit;

a first guide unit disposed to be inclined beside the working unit, and arranged to guide the punched out dissimilar material; and

a second guide unit disposed on the opposite side of the working unit from the first guide unit and to be inclined beside the working unit, and arranged to guide the punched out dissimilar material, wherein

the seat-unit frame is arranged to be movable relative to the working unit in a plane which is perpendicular to a first direction in which the working unit moves the blade unit, and

the first guide unit, the working unit and the second guide unit are aligned in a second direction which is parallel to the plane.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) The method for removing a dissimilar material according to claim 1, wherein the dissimilar material guided by the first guide unit is collected by a first collection box disposed beside the working unit.

7. (Previously presented) The method for removing a dissimilar material according to claim 6, wherein the dissimilar material guided by the second guide unit is collected by a second collection box disposed beside the working unit.

8. (Previously presented) The apparatus for removing a dissimilar material according to claim 4, further comprising:

a first collection box disposed beside the working unit, and arranged to collect the dissimilar material guided by the first guide unit.

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus for removing a dissimilar material according to claim 4, further comprising:

a second collection box disposed beside the working unit, and arranged to collect the dissimilar material guided by the second guide unit.

10-11. (Cancelled)